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1998 Kentucky DeafBlind Census

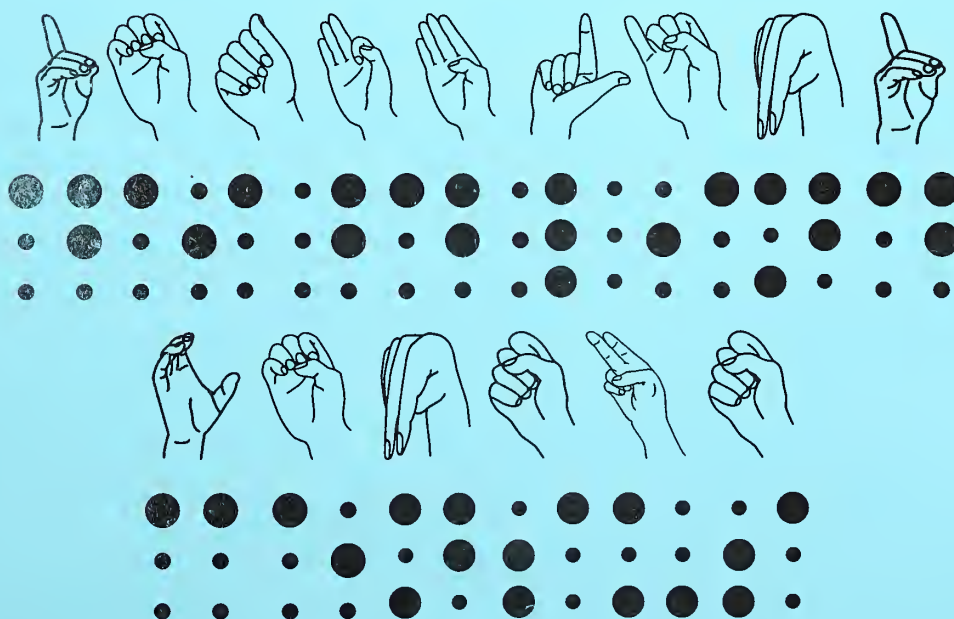


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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 1998 DeafBlind Census was conducted by the Expanding Horizons Committee, which is the advisory committee to the KY DeafBlind Project Transition Program and the KY Helen Keller National Center Affiliateship. In addition, other state and private agencies joined the committee for the duration of the census. The census was managed by the Coordinator for DeafBlind Services with the KY Dept. of Vocational Rehabilitation. The methodology used was based on the model developed by the Illinois Dept. of Rehabilitation Services and used for a census conducted there in 1995. The census was publicized throughout the state and every effort was made to obtain the most accurate count possible of the citizens of KY who have a combination hearing and vision loss. The census provided the following information about Kentucky citizens who are deafblind:

- 1342 individuals in KY have been identified as deafblind.**
- These deafblind people range in age from less than one year to 105 years of age.**
- There are deafblind persons identified in all but 10 of the 120 counties in KY with Jefferson County having the highest percentage (24%).**
- 247 children aged less than one year to 21 years of age were identified which are or should be receiving free and appropriate educational services.**
- 445 adults were identified aged 22 to 65, which are the traditional ages of employment, however, only 102 persons (23%) report being employed.**
- 582 individuals identified (42.1%) are above age 65 with the largest number being in the 81- 90 age range.**
- 42% of the deafblind individuals identified live with family or friends.**
- 36% are living independently.**
- Approximately 20% live in supported living environments, either in the community or in nursing facilities or institutions.**
- Of 569 individuals reporting a highest grade completed, 286 report having completed the 12th grade or higher.**
- 112 individuals reported they would like to continue their education.**

This census was made possible by strong cooperation among state agencies and the cost to the state was minimal. It is anticipated that the information collected through this census will be beneficial to the citizens of Kentucky who are deafblind as well as provide useful information to state agencies for the planning and delivery of services.

I. INTRODUCTION

In June 1990, The KY Dept. of Vocational Rehabilitation received a Helen Keller National Center (HKNC) Affiliateship grant to establish a position for a Coordinator of Deafblind Services. In July 1998, the KY Dept. for the Blind established a second DeafBlind Services Coordinator position. These two coordinators work closely with the KY DeafBlind Project (serving deafblind individuals ages 0-21) during the transition years (ages 16 to 21) and address the needs of deafblind adults. They work collaboratively with individuals who are deafblind, their families and service providers statewide, providing consultation, technical assistance and coordination of services as well as training and development of resources. (A detailed explanation of the duties and responsibilities of the HKNC Affiliateship is found in Attachment A in the Appendix).

The Transition Sub-Committee of the advisory committee to the KY DeafBlind Project was given the responsibility of providing guidance and support to the HKNC affiliate program. This committee is made up of deafblind individuals and family members as well as representatives of agencies, programs and facilities instrumental in providing services to them. One of the committee's first activities was the identification of issues related to the provision of quality services to individuals who are deafblind. Those issues determined to be most urgent were:

- Adequate funding for needed services, especially community residential/supported living arrangements.**
- Consumer-driven advocacy.**
- Meaningful day programs or employment opportunities for persons who are deafblind.**
- A system to provide funding for services to deafblind persons over age 21 who are not mentally retarded or developmentally disabled.**
- Community awareness and consumer isolation.**

Although the committee has made progress in addressing these issues, they continue to be areas of concern.

A planning retreat was held in 1992 to provide direction for the committee and to help ensure the active involvement of its members. There were two major outcomes of this retreat:

- The name of the committee was changed to the Expanding Horizons Committee in order to reflect its involvement with individuals who are over age 21. This committee takes an active role in the expansion of services and opportunities for persons who are deafblind in all aspects of their lives.
- A project was undertaken with support from the Helen Keller National Center-Technical Assistance Center to set up regional and local interagency teams to address the needs of specific deafblind individuals on a case by case basis. These teams also address systems change issues related to the service needs of those individuals. A more detailed explanation of the purpose of these teams is included in Attachment D.

In undertaking the development and planning of services for individuals who are deafblind, it became increasingly evident that a census of the deafblind population was needed. The number of deafblind individuals in KY could be statistically extrapolated, however, that did not provide information about where the deafblind individuals lived, their ages, or services they needed. In the Fall of 1997, Kathy Raistrick, DeafBlind Services Coordinator from Rehabilitation Services in Illinois was invited to speak to the committee regarding the census conducted in Illinois in 1995. At that time, the Expanding Horizons Committee decided to conduct a statewide census in KY of people who are deafblind based upon the Illinois model. Key agencies not already represented on the committee were invited to send representatives (Attachment E). Once the full committee was in place, a timeline (Attachment F), information sheet (Attachment G) and census form (Attachment H) were developed and the process begun. The following pages contain the results of the KY DeafBlind Census.

II. CENSUS RESULTS

The census of Kentuckians who are deafblind was completed in 1998. It identified 1342 people with both hearing and vision impairments severe enough to cause problems in their daily life. These individuals range in severity of disability from those who are profoundly deaf and totally blind to those who are visually impaired and hard of hearing.

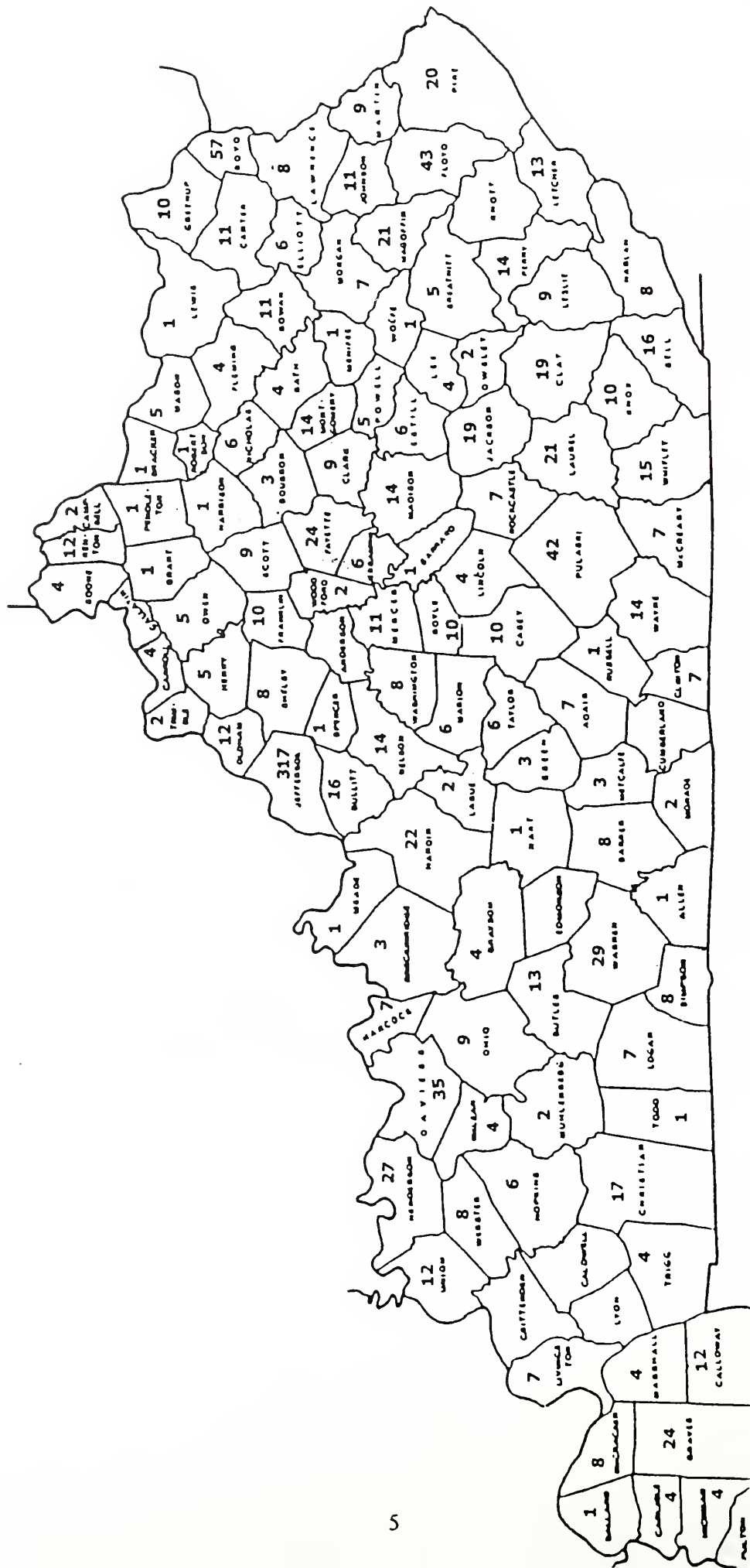
County of Residence

Individuals who are deafblind live in all but 10 out of 120 counties in Kentucky. Of the 10 counties in which no deafblind people were identified, 6 are in the western part of the state (Fulton, Hickman, Lyon, Caldwell, Crittenden, and Edmonson); one is located in the central part (Anderson); one in northern KY (Gallatin); one in southcentral (Cumberland) and one in the eastern part of the state (Knott). It is possible that there are people who are deafblind living in these counties who were not identified and reported to the census.

Jefferson County reported the largest number (317) of residents who are deafblind. This represents 24% of everyone identified. It is not surprising that Jefferson has the largest number of individuals who are deafblind since it has the largest population in the state. It also has the largest percentage of individuals who are deaf or blind of any county in the state.

Figure 1 is a map of the state indicating by county the number of deafblind individuals reported. This information is also contained in an alphabetical listing in Attachment I of the Appendix.

Figure 1



Age

Age was based upon each individual's reported birthdate. Birthdates were not reported for 68 individuals, therefore, age data is reported for only 1274 of the people identified. Reported ages range from less than one year to 105 years of age. There are 247 children aged birth through 21 yrs. There are 445 people identified between ages 22 and 65. The census identified 582 people aged 66 through 105.

**Table 1: Kentucky Citizens
who are DeafBlind by Age Category**

Age	Number	Percent
<1 – 21	247	19%
22 – 65	445	35%
66+	582	46%
Total	1274	100%

Each of the reported age ranges has specific service needs. The numbers in each of these age ranges have significance for the development of comprehensive services for Kentuckians who are DeafBlind. For those who are under age 22, educational issues are at the forefront. For individuals between ages 22 and 65, employment and independent living services are of major importance. In the 65 and above age category, quality of life and independent living issues are of greatest interest.

When age is considered by decades, the greatest number of individuals who are deafblind are between ages 81 to 90. The second largest is 71 to 80 years of age. There are few services available for individuals of these ages that specifically address their hearing and vision loss. Many of these people are experiencing these losses as a result of the aging process and are not equipped with sufficient information with which to develop coping skills. Consequently, many become withdrawn and isolated with accompanying feelings of depression and low self-esteem.

**Table 2: Kentucky Citizens
who are DeafBlind by Age (in Decades)**

Age	Number	Percent
<1-10	102	8%
11-20	133	10%
21-30	117	9%
31-40	145	11%
41-50	98	8%
51-60	62	5%
61-70	74	6%
71-80	162	13%
81-90	255	20%
91-100+	126	10%
Total	1274	100%

Birth to 22 Years:

Of the 1274 individuals for whom age data was available, 19% are under the age of 22. The largest number in this age category, 25%, are between 16 and 18 yrs. of age.

Kentucky law mandates special education services for individuals with disabilities beginning at birth through age 21 and educational services for individuals in this age range are provided through various resources. Early intervention services are available through the First Steps Program for children aged 0 to 3 years old. The census identified 20 children who are aged birth to three years.

After age 3, services are available from public school districts and can be provided in a variety of ways. State residential schools for the blind and the deaf serve a limited number of students who are deafblind. The majority, however, are served by local school districts in situations varying from mainstreaming with or without vision and/or hearing itinerant services to special classes. Kentucky is fortunate to have an outstanding federal grant program that has been ongoing in the state since 1980. This program, known as the Kentucky DeafBlind Project, provides training, consultation and technical assistance to school systems serving students who are deafblind up to age 22. The Kentucky DeafBlind Project is housed at the University of KY and provides services statewide.

Of special significance is the large number of students (25%) between ages 16 and 18. These are the traditional ages for planning for transition from school to community. Many students who have severe and multiple disabilities may

require this planning at an earlier age. Strong collaborative efforts among all agencies involved in transition planning are required to successfully transition these students from school into post-secondary education, employment and adult life.

**Table 3: Kentucky Children
Who are DeafBlind by Age**

Age	Number	Percent
<1	1	.4%
1-3	19	7.6%
4-6	26	11%
7-9	44	18%
10-12	31	12%
13-15	36	14%
16-18	61	25%
19-21	29	12%
Total	247	100%

Adults:

The census identified 445 individuals between the ages 22 and 65. This is 34.9% of everyone for whom age data was reported.

Individuals in this age range are within the traditional “working years”. They are within the age range of individuals most frequently served by state vocational rehabilitation programs. Thirty-two percent of the deafblind people between 22 and 65 are between 31 and 40 yrs of age. It is important to note that vocational rehabilitation agencies can serve individuals as young as 16. Students between ages 16 and 22 receive transition services provided jointly by rehabilitation services and the local school system. While there is no upward age limit for qualification for vocational rehabilitation service, most individuals over age 65 prefer to obtain independent living services.

There is an increase in the number of deafblind individuals in their mid-30s. This may be a result of the rubella epidemic of the mid-60s. Maternal exposure to the rubella virus during the first trimester of pregnancy can result in central nervous system disorders, including hearing and vision impairments. During this epidemic, 4,000-6,000 infants were born nationwide who were deafblind. A significant number of these infants also experienced additional disabilities and/or medical conditions. Because there are no mandated services for individuals with disabilities once they exit the school system, there is the strong possibility that individuals in this age group have been undercounted.

**Table 4: Kentucky Adults
who are DeafBlind by Age**

Age	Number	Percent
22-25	55	13%
26-30	50	11%
31-35	68	15%
36-40	77	17%
41-45	53	12%
46-50	45	10%
51-55	32	7%
56-60	30	7%
61-65	35	8%
Total	445	100%

Older Adults:

People who are 66 and older make up 45.6% of those identified for whom age data is available. Individuals between ages 81 and 90 make up 44% of the group over age 66. These figures are consistent with census data from Illinois as well as European data.

The incidence of both hearing loss and blindness rise with age. Adults over the age of 65 are at far greater risk of developing a hearing loss, a vision loss or both. Because our population is growing older as the baby boomers age there will be an increasing number of older adults who are at risk of developing this most severe sensory disability.

Unfortunately, there are extremely limited services available to assist individuals with acquired hearing and vision loss in this age category. It is important to realize that federally funded independent living funds are set aside for services for blind adults over age 55. This program also serves many older adults who are deafblind. National figures indicate that the average individual served by that program is over 70.

Those rehabilitation and independent living services that do exist for this group have limited resources. Rehabilitation teaching services and orientation and mobility instruction are not available to many of these people. Many older adults are unable to obtain hearing aids, optical devices and other assistive devices which could enable them to continue to care for themselves in their own homes and pursue those activities they enjoy. As a result, many of these individuals

must be cared for. Most certainly their quality of life in the later years is greatly reduced.

Table 5: Kentucky Adults over Age 55

Age	Number	Percent
66-70	39	7%
71-75	67	11%
76-80	95	16%
81-85	128	22%
86-90	127	22%
91-95	92	16%
96+	34	6%
Total	582	100%

Gender

More women (57%) who are deafblind were identified than men. This is explained when both age and gender are considered. Women live longer than men and almost half of the identified population is over age 65 with the largest age category being 81 to 90 years.

**Table 6: Kentucky Citizens
who are DeafBlind by Gender**

Gender	Number	Percent
Male	579	43%
Female	763	57%
Total	1342	100%

**Table 7: Kentucky Citizens
who are DeafBlind by Gender and Age**

	Age/0-21		Age/22-65		Age/66 +		Total	
Gender	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Male	123	50%	231	52%	187	32%	541	43%
Female	122	50%	216	48%	395	68%	733	57%
Total	245	19%	447	35%	582	46%	1274	100%

**** The total for this table is only 1274 due to missing age data.**

Living Situation

Only 1266 of the 1342 individuals identified in the deafblind census reported a living situation. The most frequently reported living situation was “family and friends” as recorded by 536 individuals (42%). The next largest group, 469 (37%), are living independently. Residents in MR/DD facilities (group homes, staffed residences and family care homes) made up the next group at 130 (10%). There are 71 (6%) who are residents in nursing homes. Sixty one (5%), are living in institutions.

The large number of deafblind individuals living either independently or with family or friends is encouraging. Many of these people, however, may be at risk for losing their independence. Service providers working with deafblind individuals have noted that many times a deafblind person is living with an aging parent(s). If the parent becomes ill or otherwise unable to continue providing support for the individual a crisis situation quickly develops. Because of limited supports, this deafblind individual may have no alternative but a nursing home or institution.

Many individuals in Kentucky who are deafblind are congenitally deaf and have a condition that causes a progressive loss of vision. These individuals can live independently very successfully until their vision loss reaches a certain point of severity. At that point, there are few resources for providing the needed support to allow these individuals to continue functioning as active and contributing members of their communities. Too often the person ends up inappropriately placed in a nursing facility or institution.

**Table 8: Living Situation of Kentucky Citizens
who are DeafBlind**

<i>Living Situation</i>	Number	Percent
Independent	469	37%
Family or friends	536	42%
MR/DD community facility	130	10%
Nursing home	71	6%
Institution	60	5%
Total	1266	100%

* Total for this table is 1266 due to missing data

**Table 9: Living Situation of Kentucky Citizens
who are DeafBlind by Age**

	<1-21		22-65		>65		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Independent	6	2%	116	26%	347	59.9%	469	37%
Family or friends	214	88%	136	31%	186	32%	536	42%
MR/DD community facility	3	1%	122	27%	5	.9%	130	10%
Nursing home	14	6%	16	4%	41	7%	71	6%
Institution	7	3%	53	12%	0	0	60	5%
Total	244	27%	443	%	579	46%	1266	100%

Education

Very little data was reported on education of deafblind individuals. However, of the 547 people identified by the census reporting a highest grade completed, 194 report completing the 12th grade, while 455 reported their highest grade completed was between 1 and 12.

Out of the total number of individuals identified on the census, 773 did not report an educational level completed. This large unreported number may be due to a number of factors. Some individuals identified may have participated in an ungraded special education program or it may be that the individual completing the form simply did not have this information. 112 individuals reported that they would like to continue their education.

**Table 9: Education of Kentucky Citizens
who are DeafBlind**

Highest Grade Completed	Number	Percent
1-12	455	83%
13-16	78	14%
17+	14	3%
Total	547	100%

Employment

Out of the total number of 1342 individuals identified in the deafblind census, only 101 reported that they are currently employed. The census identified 445 individuals within the traditional working years of 22 to 65. If you consider only this age group, the low number reported working reflects a very low employment rate. This low employment rate of deafblind individuals is consistent with the overall high unemployment of all individuals with disabilities. Supported Employment programs were designed to address low employment of people with severe disabilities. It is unclear what the impact of these programs have been on the employment of Kentucky citizens who are deafblind.

Only 54 individuals identified on the census reported that they are presently pursuing employment. It is not clear if this small number is due to a lack of awareness of services available to help them obtain employment. It is possible some of these people may have been told they cannot work because of their disability. Many individuals may also be fearful of losing benefits based on their disability and are not aware of the work incentives available to them through Social Security.

**Table 10: Kentucky Citizens
who are DeafBlind by Employment Status**

Employment Status	Number	Percent
Employed	101	7%
Unemployed or blank	1241	93%
Total	1342	100%

**Table 11: Kentucky Citizens
who are DeafBlind and Employed by Age**

Age	Number	Percent
<1-21	3	3%
22-65	88	92%
66+	5	5%
Total	96	100%

* The total for this table is lower due to missing data

III APPENDIX

- A. Helen Keller National Center Affiliateship Information**
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- J. Listing of DeafBlind Persons Identified by Age**

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GOAL: To provide training, technical assistance, consultation and coordination of services to Kentucky agencies and families on behalf of individuals who are deafblind, primarily those over age 21 years.

AGES SERVED: *16-21 in conjunction with KY DeafBlind Project
*21 years and above

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

1. Consultation and technical assistance to the Department of Rehabilitation, Department for the Blind and other community adult service providers serving individuals who are deafblind.
 - a. Provide local consultation at the request of agencies.
 - b. Locate resources and materials for agencies.
 - c. Respond to customer and family requests for information and referral.
 - d. Coordinate consultation and referral with the HKNC Regional Representative.
2. General training, technical assistance and coordination to agencies at all levels.

- a. **Conduct project awareness activities.**
 - b. **Conduct awareness training on the needs of individuals who are deafblind.**
 - c. **Coordinate activities with the affiliateship advisory committee and the Kentucky DeafBlind Steering Committee.**
 - d. **Develop interagency agreements or procedures to facilitate the coordination of services to individuals who are deafblind.**
- 3. **Maintain a registry database for identifying and tracking individuals who are deafblind of all ages.**
 - a. **Conduct customer and agency needs assessment activities to identify service gaps and issues.**
 - b. **Identify and/or develop resources and services for individuals who are deafblind.**

EXPANDING HORIZON'S VALUE STATEMENT

WE BELIEVE IN THE RIGHT OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE DEAFBLIND TO LIVE, WORK, PLAY, LEARN, WORSHIP, FULLY EXPERIENCE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTE THEIR TALENTS AND GIFTS IN THE COMMUNITY OF THEIR CHOICE WITH SUPPORTS AS NEEDED. INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE DEAFBLIND HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHOICES, TO ACCESS SUPPORTS THAT WILL MAXIMIZE THEIR POTENTIAL, AND TO BE TREATED WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT. PEOPLE WHO ARE DEAFBLIND HAVE THE RIGHT TO ADVOCATE FOR THEMSELVES AND OTHERS, AND WILL BENEFIT WHEN THEY, THEIR FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND PROFESSIONALS COLLABORATE.

EXPANDING HORIZON'S MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE EXPANDING HORIZONS COMMITTEE IS TO RESPOND TO CHOICES OF THE DEAFBLIND COMMUNITY BY FACILITATING THE COLLABORATIVE DEVELOPMENT OF SUPPORTS AND SERVICES.

BELIEF STATEMENT

**WE HOLD THE FOLLOWING BELIEFS IN REGARDS TO WORKING
WITH PEOPLE WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES:**

- **PEOPLE WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES ARE FIRST AND FOREMOST HUMAN BEINGS. EACH PERSON'S DISABILITY IS BUT ONE ASPECT OF HIS/HER BEING AND SHOULD BE ACKNOWLEDGED IN SUCH A MANNER, e.g. "JAMES, SUSAN, OR GREG WHO HAPPENS TO HAVE A DISABILITY".**
- **PEOPLE WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES SHOULD BE TREATED WITH RESPECT. VALUE FOR THE PERSON'S LIFE SHOULD BE REFLECTED IN THE WAY IN WHICH ONE TEACHES, PHYSICALLY HANDLES, SPEAKS TO AND SPEAKS ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL.**
- **ALL PEOPLE, REGARDLESS OF THEIR DISABILITY, HAVE THE ABILITY TO LEARN AND SHOULD BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO.**
- **WORK ENVIRONMENTS SHOULD BE CONDUCIVE TO EMPLOYMENT FOR PEOPLE WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES.**
- **PEOPLE WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES DO NOT FAIL; PROGRAMS FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS SOMETIMES FAIL DUE TO THE FACT THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS PROVIDE GREATER CHALLENGES.**
- **PEOPLE WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES HAVE THE RIGHT TO SHARE THE SAME EXPERIENCES AS PEOPLE WITHOUT DISABILITIES AND SHOULD BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITIES TO DO SO.**
- **AN APPROPRIATE PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES SHOULD INCLUDE ACTIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCES AS OPPOSED TO PASSIVE STIMULATION.**
- **SERVICE PROVIDERS WHO WORK WITH PEOPLE WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES SHOULD HAVE EXPECTATIONS FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS INCLUDING THE EXPECTATION THAT EACH INDIVIDUAL CAN LEAD A PRODUCTIVE LIFE IN AS UNRESTRICTED AN ENVIRONMENT AS POSSIBLE.**
- **NO SERVICE PROVIDER KNOWS THE FULL CONTINUUM OF OPTIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES BECAUSE MANY OF THOSE OPTIONS ARE YET UNDEVELOPED. THOSE WILLING TO MAKE CHANGE IN THE LIVES OF PEOPLE WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES SHOULD CONTINUALLY SEEK OUT THOSE OPTIONS IN ORDER TO BE AN EFFECTIVE CHANGE AGENT IN THE LIVES OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS.**

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KENTUCKY DEAFBLIND PROJECT**

PURPOSE & GOALS OF THE DEAFBLIND REGIONAL TEAMS

- I. Serve as a resource for local teams setup up around individuals (e.g. Person-Centered Planning Teams)**
 - **Gather information to share with local teams (sources for employment, housing options, etc.)**
 - **Act as a liaison between local teams and service providers.**
- II. Serve as facilitators to help get things through the system if barriers to services are identified.**
- III. Be engaged in problem solving.**
 - **Use individual and collective expertise to address barriers and identify solutions.**
 - **When solutions cannot be found at the local or regional level, regional teams will access the State Team for assistance.**
- IV. Share information with other regional teams.**
 - **Relay information regarding problems, solutions and successes to other regional teams.**

These teams will be involved in process, be pro-active, engaged in problem solving and work with local teams.

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TIMELINE FOR CENSUS

September

1. Decide on the definition of deafblindness to be used.
2. Agree on specific information to be gathered.
3. Develop or revise form.

November

1. Decide database to be used. Make sure all agencies have access to database.
2. Make sure database can handle amount of data to be gathered.
3. Contact organizations to obtain a contact person.
4. Disseminate organization list. Assign responsibility to contact.
5. Gather names of newsletters.

January

1. Each agency representative writes how data will be gathered.
2. Each agency representative writes the definition the agency will be using for "deafblind".
3. Send information to organizations' newsletters.

March

1. Choose one or two representative as contact persons for the media.
2. Contact consumers as possible media contacts. Get releases of information signed
3. Draw up a list of who will receive the report being sure to include:
 - a. Governor
 - b. Legislators
 - c. Agency Directors
 - d. Key Organizations
4. Make plans for a news release to be sent to newsletters entities to be printed in May newsletters and releases.

May

1. Census month.
2. Representatives gather internal data and take any information provided as a result of media and organizational contacts.
3. Follow-up on all surveys to ensure total response on the last Monday.

June

1. Send all data on disk to coordinator by the 9th consolidate data by 14th.

July

1. Send draft report to members for correction.

August

1. Make changes in report and have final draft ready by September.

September

1. Present report to Expanding Horizons Committee for acceptance.

October

1. Disseminate completed report.

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KENTUCKY DEAFBLIND CENSUS

In the Spring of 1998, the Expanding Horizons Committee, an interagency committee providing support to the KY DeafBlind Project and the Helen Keller Affiliateship within the Dept. of Vocational Rehabilitation, will be conducting a statewide census of individuals who have both a hearing and vision loss. The following functional definition will be used to determine who should be included on the census:

"Persons with both hearing and vision impairments which cause problems in their daily life."

An effort is being made to connect with as many state and private organizations as possible, in addition to consumer groups, in order to get as accurate a count as possible. There will be no age limit on people to be included in the census and names will not be requested to protect the privacy of the individual. The information gained from the census will be used in planning future services for this under-identified and diverse population.

For further information or to volunteer to assist with this effort, please contact:

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CENSUS OF KENTUCKY RESIDENTS WITH BOTH HEARING AND VISION IMPAIRMENT

To be included: Persons with both hearing and vision impairment which cause problems in their daily life.

Please complete one line for each individual. Do not include names.

Agency Completing Form: _____

LIVING SITUATION (If Known) Please mark block closest to living arrangement.				EDUCATION (If Known)			EMPLOYMENT (If Known)						
Date of Birth MM/DD/YY	Male or Female	City	County	Lives Independently	Family/Friend	Nursing Home	MR/DD Community *	MR/DD Institution **	Indicate Highest Grade Completed (1-18)	Completed Degree Please Circle Yes/No	Wants to Continue Education Please Circle Yes/No	Currently Employed Please Circle Yes/No	Seeking Employment Please Circle Yes/No
1.	M F									Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
2.	M F									Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
3.	M F									Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
4.	M F									Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
5.	M F									Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
6.	M F									Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
7.	M F									Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
8.	M F									Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
9.	M F									Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
10.	M F									Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No

* MR/DD Community includes group homes, staff residences and family homes.

** MR/DD Institution includes ICF/MR facilities, e.g. Oakwood, Hazelwood.

Please tri-fold completed form, tape and return by May 31, 1998 to:

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DEAFBLIND POPULATION BY COUNTY

Adair	7	Fayette	24	Leslie	9	Owsley	2
Allen	1	Fleming	4	Letcher	13	Pendleton	1
Ballard	1	Floyd	43	Lewis	1	Perry	14
Barren	8	Franklin	10	Lincoln	4	Pike	20
Bath	4	Garrard	1	Livingston	7	Powell	5
Bell	16	Grant	1	Logan	7	Pulaski	42
Boone	4	Graves	24	Madison	14	Robertson	1
Bourbon	3	Grayson	4	Magoffin	21	Rockcastle	7
Boyd	57	Green	3	Marion	6	Rowan	11
Boyle	10	Greenup	10	Marshall	4	Russell	1
Bracken	1	Hancock	7	Martin	9	Scott	9
Breathitt	5	Hardin	22	Mason	5	Shelby	8
Breckinridge	3	Harlan	8	McCracken	8	Simpson	8
Bullitt	16	Harrison	1	McCreary	7	Spencer	1
Butler	13	Hart	1	McLean	4	Taylor	6
Calloway	10	Henderson	27	Meade	1	Todd	1
Campbell	2	Henry	5	Meniffec	1	Trigg	4
Carlisle	4	Hopkins	6	Mercer	11	Trimble	2
Carroll	4	Jackson	19	Metcalfe	3	Union	12
Carter	11	Jefferson	317	Monroe	2	Warren	29
Casey	10	Jessamine	6	Montgomery	14	Washington	8
Christian	17	Johnson	11	Morgan	7	Wayne	14
Clark	9	Kenton	12	Muhlenburg	2	Webster	8
Clay	19	Knox	10	Nelson	14	Whitley	15
Clinton	7	Larue	2	Nicholas	6	Wolfe	1
Daviess	35	Laurel	21	Ohio	9	Woodford	2
Elliott	6	Lawrence	8	Oldham	12		
Estill	6	Lee	4	Owen	5		

DEAFBLIND POPULATION BY AGE

	0	28	8	56	6	84	29
1	7	29	9	57	7	85	30
2	4	30	8	58	8	86	31
3	9	31	16	59	0	87	24
4	5	32	10	60	7	88	26
5	11	33	14	61	2	89	34
6	10	34	11	62	4	90	19
7	10	35	19	63	6	91	19
8	21	36	17	64	13	92	16
9	11	37	17	65	9	93	22
10	13	38	13	66	9	94	21
11	10	39	16	67	11	95	12
12	9	40	12	68	9	96	10
13	14	41	8	69	6	97	9
14	9	42	9	70	6	98	13
15	13	43	14	71	13	99	3
16	13	44	15	72	8	100	1
17	17	45	6	73	12	101	0
18	26	46	8	74	14	102	0
19	15	47	13	75	18	103	0
20	7	48	10	76	19	104	0
21	8	49	8	77	15	105	0
22	14	50	9	78	17	106	1
23	10	51	5	79	25		
24	13	52	13	80	21		
25	19	53	9	81	23		
26	14	54	2	82	15		
27	12	55	4	83	24		



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